

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between



**CENTRAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY
NEW DELHI, INDIA**

and



**Accademia Vivarium novum
Frascati (RM), Italy**

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Executed on

04th July, 2025



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This agreement is made and entered into by and between the Central Sanskrit University, located in New Delhi, India, hereafter referred to as "CSU" and the Accademia Vivarium novum, located in Frascati, Italy, hereafter referred to as "AVN".

PREAMBLE

We believe that within the classical texts of the world's great civilizations lies a reflection of humanity's core values and essential nature. Through these writings, we see ourselves and recognize our shared humanity. Thus, by reading and understanding the wisdom of other cultures, we not only deepen our appreciation of the common human experience but also nurture the foundations of lasting world peace: for only by seeing the roots of our own humanity reflected in other cultures can we fully grasp the truth and relevance of the profound Sanskrit verse *vasudhaiva kuṭumbakam*—the world is one family—and of the Ancient Greek ideal of the *kosmopolites*, the citizen of the whole world.

Therefore, the true intent of the collaboration between our two institutions goes well beyond just the learning of languages as such. Sanskrit, as well as Latin and Ancient Greek, are not understood here as mere languages; they are the keys to the culture, philosophy, and the very humanity of the Indian Subcontinent and of Europe respectively. This collaboration aims to foster, within the minds of individual students at both institutions—and on a larger scale—a dialogue between two of the world's greatest civilizations. And as ancient Indian philosophers taught, and as Greek philosophers like Plato affirmed: *vāde vāde jāyate tattvabodhaḥ*—only through constant dialogue, conducted in good faith, does Truth emerge.

I. INTRODUCTION

Accademia Vivarium Novum (AVN) stands alone as the foremost institution dedicated to the living study of Latin and Ancient Greek, where these languages are actively used in teaching and daily communication among students and faculty alike.

Situated in Italy, Europe, Accademia Vivarium Novum (AVN) sustains and promotes the classical European humanities represented by Latin and Ancient Greek, while Central Sanskrit University (CSU) in India upholds and advances the study of Sanskrit and ancient Indian traditions.

Both institutions actively pursue their pedagogic and cultural missions through a blend of courses—both online and in-person—as well as through conferences, seminars, prolific publication and other significant cultural events.

II. SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT

1. The general scope of this agreement is to establish and sustain an active collaboration between CSU and AVN through a range of joint activities and initiatives, including but not limited to:
 - a. establishment of a regular **student exchange program** to promote academic development;
 - b. collaboration on **joint publication** of educational and literary works, including textbooks and primary and secondary literature in the field of Sanskrit, Latin, and Ancient Greek;

- c. organization of **international conferences and seminars**, in Italy and India, dedicated to the promotion of Indian and European Classical Studies, supporting intellectual exchange and cultural insight;
 - d. development and organization of **jointly-run intensive summer programs** for immersive instruction in ancient languages;
 - e. facilitation of **mutual visits by faculty, researchers and students** to enhance scholarly collaboration and deepen intercultural understanding.
2. The long-term objective of this agreement is to achieve, through close and sustained collaboration between the two Parties, **the gradual introduction and integration of Latin and Ancient Greek into the formal degree programs of CSU**, and, reciprocally, **the incorporation of Sanskrit and Indological Studies into the curriculum of AVN**.

III. GENERAL MATTERS

1. No financial obligations result from this agreement for either of the two parties unless mutual consent has been given.
2. The details of exchange of students, researchers and teaching staff shall be determined by both the parties on a project-by-project basis.
3. Both parties declare their willingness to give their guests from the partner institution every possible support during their stay.

IV. DURATION AND TERMINATION

The agreement will come into effect from the date of most recent signature and is entered into for a period of 5 years. Thereafter it shall be automatically extended for an additional period of 5 years unless either party provides written notice to terminate the agreement a minimum of one year prior to the date of expiry. Either party may terminate the cooperation, provided that notice is given at least six months in advance.

V. REPRESENTATION

The representatives responsible for the regular coordination and functionality of this MoU shall be as follows:

- **For CSU:** The Director of the Office of International Affairs and Collaborations shall serve as the official representative.
- **For AVN:** The Vice President shall serve as the official representative.

VI. CONFIDENTIALITY

Both parties acknowledge that any information disclosed by or on behalf of any of the parties which is not in the public domain is confidential and may not be used or disclosed to any other party (whether before or after the termination of this agreement) for any reason whatsoever save as may be strictly necessary for the due and effectual rendering of the services, as required by this MOU and/or agreements made thereunder. Any data exchanged/shared between the parties for joint research/supervision will not be transferred to third party without consent of AVN and CSU.

The provisions of this clause shall survive the expiration or termination of this agreement for a period of three subsequent academic years. However, confidential information in the nature of intellectual property rights, trade secrets and/or such confidential information which needs to be protected/kept confidential owing to applicable law(s) shall be kept confidential in perpetuity by the receiving party.

VII. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

It is the intention of the institutions that all research derived from the collaborative efforts of the two parties will be the joint property of both the parties, proportionate to the parties' respective contribution.

VIII. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT

No amendment to this agreement shall be valid unless the same is made in writing jointly by the parties hereto or their authorized representatives and specifically stating the same to be an amendment to this agreement.

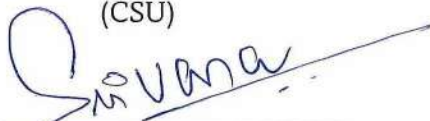
IX. ARBITRATION

In the event of difference disputes arising between the parties in respect of any matter arising out of and relating to this MoU, such dispute/difference shall, in the first instance, be resolved amicably by mutual consultation within 45 days of the reference of disputes by either party.

In the event of any dispute or differences between the parties hitherto, such differences shall be resolved amicably by mutual consultation. Where it could not be resolved so, then it shall be referred to arbitration of three arbitrators, one to be appointed by each of the parties. The two arbitrators shall appoint the Third Arbitrator (Umpire) mutually who shall preside over the proceedings. The decision of the said arbitrators shall be final and binding on both the parties. The award of the arbitration is binding on the parties unless appealed against it in a Competent Court within the period of limitation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed two copies of this instrument each of which shall be considered an original, in the presence of two witnesses whose signatures also appear below.

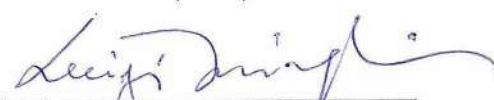
CENTRAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY
(CSU)



Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi
Vice Chancellor, CSU

Date: 4-7-25

ACCADEMIA VIVARIUM NOVUM
(AVN)



Prof. Luigi Miraglia
President, AVN

Date: 4 July 2025

WITNESS



Prof. R. G. Murali Krishna
Registrar I/c, CSU

Date: 4/7/2025

WITNESS



Prof. Ignacio Armella
Vice-President, AVN

Date: 4 July 2025